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INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT

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Notice of Interpretive or Policy Statement

In accordance with [RCW 8.25.290](#)(4)(b), following is the interpretive statement by the Office of the Washington State Attorney General.

Condemnation final actions – Notice required – “Final action” defined.

Document Title: Adoption of a definition for “Final Action” for select state agencies as required by RCW 8.25.290(4)(b)

Subject: Condemnation “final action” definition

Effective Date: February 15, 2010

Document Description:

The Legislature has directed the Attorney General’s Office to publish procedures that define “final action” for state agencies not subject to the OPMA (Chapter RCW 42.30) in order “to ensure that property owners of record are provided with notice and opportunity for comment before the agency makes a final decision to authorize the condemnation of specific property.” RCW 8.25.290(4)(b). The AGO hereby defines “final action” as the action taken by the agency officer or employee with the highest level of authority to approve or deny a proposed decision to proceed with the condemnation of a specific property. This definition applies only to select state agencies not subject to the OPMA, Chapter RCW 42.30.

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